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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT NEZ PERCE/CLEARWATER NATIONAL FORESTS PALOUSE RANGER DISTRICT STRYCHNINE PINE PROJECT

The Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests is proposing the Strychnine Pine project on the Palouse Ranger District. The 9,930-acre project area is a combination of the Strychnine, White Pine Gulch, Poorman Creek, and Dry Fork watersheds, all located in the headwaters of the Palouse River, Latah and Benewah Counties, Idaho.

The responsible official for this decision is Forest Supervisor Cheryl Probert. A final Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Decision Notice (DN), including a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared that are based on the analyses conducted by an interdisciplinary team.

Both documents are available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/projects list.php?forest=110105. A notice of document availability will be sent to those who submitted specific, written comments in response to project scoping and/or provided comments to the draft EA. Hard or electronic copies of both documents are available upon request at the Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests Supervisor's Office, 903 3rd Street, Kamiah, Idaho 83536.

The Strychnine Pine project is subject to the objection process, and those individuals or entities who previously submitted comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) are eligible to file an objection. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project. Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, express delivery, or messenger service: (to Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT_59807); FAX to (406) 329-3411; email to appeals-northern-regional-office@fs.fed.us; or by hand-delivery (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays at USDA Forest Service, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT_59807).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Lewiston Morning Tribune. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or time-frame information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in \$218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in \$218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to \$218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

At a minimum an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): (1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; (2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); (3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); (4) the name of the proposed project (i.e. Strychnine Pine), the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; (5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider, and (6) a statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection.